



# PPEC Factsheet

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***The biggest consumer of the forest is not the forestry industry (surprise!)***

Meet the mountain pine beetle



This little guy and his friends have devastated 14 times more commercial forest than was harvested for pulp, paper or lumber in the latest data year. And the beetle has reportedly now jumped from the lodge pole pine trees of BC to the jack pine trees of Alberta.

The second biggest consumer of the commercial forest was forest fires (over seven times more than the annual harvest for lumber and pulp and paper).

Source: National Resources Canada, Annual Report 2014, [\*The State of Canada's Forests\*](#). Some 0.6 million hectares of Canada's total forestlands of 348 million hectares (less than half of 1%) was harvested for pulp, paper and lumber uses. Some 4.2 million hectares was burned by forest fires and 8.6 million hectares destroyed by insects and beetles.